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For: METHOD FOR A RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT, FAILURE PREDICTION AND
OPERATING CONDITION DETERMINATION OF ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification None.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

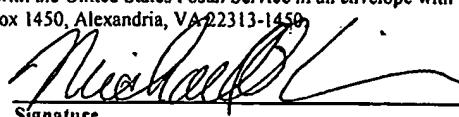
Amendments to the Drawings None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

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